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SUBJECT: JUNE 23 SHRIMP BOAT SEIZURES

REF: A. BRASILIA 4968 B. STATE 160425

1. ECONOFF DISCUSSED WITH COUNSELOR PEREZ, CHIEF OF ECONMIN'S
BASIC PRODUCTS DIVISION, SUBJECT SEIZURES ON JUNE 26. PEREZ TOOK
NOTE OF VESSEL OWNERS' CLAIM THAT THE VESSELS APPREHENDED JUNE 23
WERE IN POSITION 51 DEGREES 40 MINUTES WEST BY 4 DEGREES
50 MINUTES NORTH. PEREZ COUNTERED WITH THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES
FOR THE VESSELS AT THE TIME OF SEIZURE: CAYENNE LAURA AND ANITA KAY-
POSITION 50 DEGREES 57 MINUTES WEST BY 4 DEGREES 30 MINUTES NORTH
AT 0800 HOURS; SEVEN SEAS IN POSITION 50 DEGREES 11 MINUTES WEST
BY 4 DEGREES 42 MINUTES NORTH AT 0955 HOURS. PEREZ ASKED AT WHAT
TIME THE VESSEL OWNERS WERE CITING THE POSITIONS THEY CLAIMED.
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ECONOFF REPLIED THAT HE ASSUMED THAT THE VESSEL OWNERS WERE ALSO
REFERRING TO THE TIME OF SEIZURE. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CLARIFY.

2. PREZ ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE FONMIN HAS RECEIVED A PROTEST FROM THE
FRENCH EMBASSY REGARDING THE SEIZURE OF THE THREE VESSELS ON
JUNE 23, BUT HE OBSERVED THAT THE COORDINATES GIVEN BY THE BRAZILIAN
NAVY WOULD NOT HAVE PUT THE VESSELS IN FRENCH TERRITORIAL WATERS.

PEREZ SAID HE WAS PRESENTLY PREPARING A DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO THE
USG WHICH WOULD CITE THE COORDINATES GIVEN BY THE BRAZILIAN NAVY.
HE VOLUNTEERED TO WAIT A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME BEFORE FORWARDING
THE NOTE(S) IN THE EVENT THE USG HAD EVIDENCE WHICH IT WISHED TO
PRESENT IN REGARD TO THE MATTER. ECONOFF SAID HE WOULD ADVISE PEREZ
BY COB JUNE 27 IN THE EVENT THE USG WISHED THE DIPLOMATIC NOTE(S)
TO BE HELD FURTHER.

3. CONSUL BELEM WILL POUCH REPORT AND EMBASSY CABLE SUMMARY OF
VESSELS' POSITIONS LATE ON MORNING OF JUNE 23 ACCORDING TO GUYANA
AIR TRANSPORT COMPANY WHICH WAS CONTRACTED BY AN OWNER TO MAKE
AERIAL SURVEY OF SITUATION.
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